

THE BOOK OF
BARUCH



CHAPTERS 1-6

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1:1 And these are the words of the book, which Baruch the son of Nerias, the son of Maasias, the son of Sedecias, the son of Asadrias, the son of Chelcias, wrote in Babylon,

1:2 In the fifth year, and in the seventh day of the month, what time as the

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**Chaldeans took Jerusalem,
and burnt it with fire.**

**1:3 And Baruch did read the
words of this book in the
hearing of Jechonias the
son of Joachim king of
Juda, and in the ears of all
the people that came to hear
the book, 1:4 And in the
hearing of the nobles, and of
the king's sons, and in the
hearing of the elders, and of
all the people, from the
lowest unto the highest,
even of all them that dwelt at**

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Babylon by the river Sud.

**1:5 Whereupon they wept,
fasted, and prayed
before the Lord.**

**1:6 They made also a
collection of money
according to
every man's power:**

**1:7 And they sent it to
Jerusalem unto Joachim the
high priest, the son of
Chelcias, son of Salom, and
to the priests, and to all the
people which were found
with him at Jerusalem,**

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1:8 At the same time when he received the vessels of the house of the Lord, that were carried out of the temple, to return them into the land of Juda, the tenth day of the month Sivan, namely, silver vessels, which Sedecias the son of Josias king of Jada had made,

1:9 After that Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon had carried away Jechonias, and the princes,

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and the captives, and the mighty men, and the people of the land, from Jerusalem, and brought them unto Babylon.

1:10 And they said, Behold, we have sent you money to buy you burnt offerings, and sin offerings, and incense, and prepare ye manna, and offer upon the altar of the Lord our God;

1:11 And pray for the life of Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon, and for the life of

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Balthasar his son, that their days may be upon earth as the days of heaven:

1:12 And the Lord will give us strength, and lighten our eyes, and we shall live under the shadow of Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon, and under the shadow of Balthasar his son, and we shall serve them many days, and find favour in their sight.

1:13 Pray for us also unto the Lord our God, for we

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have sinned against the Lord our God; and unto this day the fury of the Lord and his wrath is not turned from us. 1:14 And ye shall read this book which we have sent unto you, to make confession in the house of the Lord, upon the feasts and solemn days.

1:15 And ye shall say, To the Lord our God belongeth righteousness, but unto us the confusion of faces, as it is come to pass this day,

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**unto them of Juda,
and to the inhabitants
of Jerusalem,**

**1:16 And to our kings, and
to our princes, and to our
priests, and to our prophets,
and to our fathers:**

**1:17 For we have sinned
before the Lord,**

**1:18 And disobeyed him,
and have not hearkened
unto the voice of the Lord
our God, to walk in the
command-ments that he
gave us openly:**

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1:19 Since the day that the Lord brought our forefathers out of the land of Egypt, unto this present day, we have been disobedient unto the Lord our God, and we have been negligent in not hearing his voice.

1:20 Wherefore the evils cleaved unto us, and the curse, which the Lord appointed by Moses his servant at the time that he brought our fathers out of the land of Egypt, to give us

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a land that floweth with milk and honey, like as it is to see this day.

1:21 Nevertheless we have not hearkened unto the voice of the Lord our God, according unto all the words of the prophets, whom he sent unto us:

1:22 But every man followed the imagination of his own wicked heart, to serve strange gods, and to do evil in the sight of the Lord our God.

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2:1 Therefore the Lord hath made good his word, which he pronounced against us, and against our judges that judged Israel, and against our kings, and against our princes, and against the men of Israel and Juda,

2:2 To bring upon us great plagues, such as never happened under the whole heaven, as it came to pass in Jerusalem, according to

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**the things that were written
in the law of Moses;**

**2:3 That a man should eat
the flesh of his own son,
and the flesh of his own
daughter. 2:4 Moreover he
hath delivered them to be in
subjection all the kingdoms
that are round about us, to
be as a reproach and
desolation among all the
people round about, where
the Lord hath scattered
them. 2:5 Thus we were cast
down, and not exalted,**

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because we have sinned against the Lord our God, and have not been obedient unto his voice. 2:6 To the Lord our God appertaineth righteousness: but unto us and to our fathers open shame, as appeareth this day. 2:7 For all these plagues are come upon us, which the Lord hath pronounced against us 2:8 Yet have we not prayed before the Lord, that we might turn every one from

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**the imaginations of
his wicked heart.**

2:9 Wherefore the Lord
watched over us for evil,
and the Lord hath
brought it upon us: for
the Lord is righteous in all
his works which he hath
commanded us.

2:10 Yet we have not
hearkened unto his
voice, to walk in the
commandments of the Lord,
that he hath set before us.

2:11 And now, O Lord God

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of Israel, that hast brought thy people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and high arm, and with signs, and with wonders, and with great power, and hast gotten thyself a name, as appeareth this day:

2:12 O Lord our God, we have sinned, we have done ungodly, we have dealt unrighteously in all thine ordinances.

2:13 Let thy wrath turn from us: for we are but a few left

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**among the heathen, where
thou hast scattered us.**

2:14 Hear our prayers, O
Lord, and our petitions, and
deliver us for thine own
sake, and give us favour in
the sight of them which
have led us away:

2:15 That all the earth
may know that thou art
the Lord our God, because
Israel and his posterity
is called by thy name.

2:16 O Lord, look down
from thine holy house, and

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**consider us: bow
down thine ear,
O Lord, to hear us.**

2:17 Open thine eyes,
and behold; for the dead
that are in the graves,
whose souls are taken from
their bodies, will give unto
the Lord neither praise
nor righteousness:

2:18 But the soul that is
greatly vexed, which goeth
stooping and feeble, and the
eyes that fail, and the
hungry soul, will give thee

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**praise and righteousness,
O Lord.**

2:19 Therefore we do not
make our humble
supplication before thee,
O Lord our God, for the
righteousness of our
fathers, and of our kings.

2:20 For thou hath sent out
Thy wrath and indignation
upon us, as thou hast
spoken by thy servants the
prophets, saying,

2:21 Thus saith the Lord,
Bow down your shoulders

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**to serve the king of
Babylon: so shall ye
remain in the land that I
gave unto your fathers.**

**2:22 But if ye will not hear
the voice of the Lord, to
serve the king of Babylon,**

**2:23 I will cause to cease
out of the cities of Judah,
and from without
Jerusalem, the voice of
mirth, and the voice of joy,
the voice of the bridegroom,
and the voice of the bride:
and the whole land shall be**

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desolate of inhabitants.

2:24 But we would not hearken unto thy voice, to serve the king of Babylon: therefore hast thou made good the words that thou spakest by thy servants the prophets, namely, that the bones of our kings, and the bones of our fathers, should be taken out of their place.

2:25 And, lo, they are cast out to the heat of the day, and to the frost of the night, and they died in great

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miseries by famine, by sword, and by pestilence.

2:26 And the house which is called by thy name hast thou laid waste, as it is to be seen this day, for the wickedness of the house of Israel and the house of Juda.

2:27 O Lord our God, thou hast dealt with us after all thy goodness, and according to all that great mercy of thine,

2:28 As thou spakest by

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**thy servant Moses in the
day when thou didst
command him to write the
law before the children
of Israel, saying,**

2:29 If ye will not hear my
voice, surely this very great
multitude shall be turned
into a small number
among the nations,
where I will scatter them.

2:30 For I knew that they
would not hear me, because
it is a stiffnecked people:
but in the land of their

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**captivities they shall
remember themselves.**

2:31 And shall know that I
am the Lord their God: for I
will give them an heart, and
ears to hear:

2:32 And they shall praise
me in the land of their
captivity, and think
upon my name,

2:33 And return from their
stiff neck, and from their
wicked deeds: for they shall
remember the way of their
fathers, which sinned

before the Lord.

2:34 And I will bring them again into the land which I promised with an oath unto their fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and they shall be lords of it: and I will increase them, and they shall not be diminished.

3:35 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them to be their God, and they shall be my

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**people: and I will no
more drive my
people of Israel out
of the land that I
have given them.**

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3:1 O Lord Almighty,
God of Israel, the soul in
anguish the troubled
spirit, crieth unto thee.

3:2 Hear, O Lord, and
have mercy; for thou art
merciful: and have pity
upon us, because we have
sinned before thee.

3:3 For thou endures
for ever, and we
perish utterly.

3:4 O Lord Almighty,

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thou God of Israel, hear now the prayers of the dead Israelites, and of their children, which have sinned before thee, and not hearkened unto the voice of thee their God: for the which cause these plagues cleave unto us.

3:5 Remember not the iniquities of our forefathers: but think upon thy power and thy name now at this time.

3:6 For thou art the Lord

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**our God, and thee,
O Lord, will we praise.**

3:7 And for this cause
thou hast put thy fear in
our hearts, to the intent
that we should call upon
thy name, and praise thee
in our captivity: for we
have called to mind all the
iniquity of our forefathers,
that sinned before thee.

3:8 Behold, we are yet this
day in our captivity, where
thou hast scattered us, for
a reproach and a curse,

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and to be subject to payments, according to all the iniquities of our fathers, which departed from the Lord our God.

3:9 Hear, Israel, the commandments of life: give ear to **understand wisdom.**

3:10 How happeneth it Israel, that thou art in thine enemies' land, that thou art waxen old in a strange country, that thou art defiled with the dead,

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11 That thou art counted with them that go down into the grave?

3:12 Thou hast forsaken the fountain of **wisdom**.

3:13 For if thou hadst walked in the way of God, thou shouldst have dwelled in peace for ever.

3:14 Learn where is **wisdom**, where is strength, where is **understanding**; that thou mayest know also where is length of days, and life,

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where is the light of the eyes, and peace.

3:15 Who hath found out her place? or who hath come into her treasures?

3:16 Where are the princes of the heathen become, and such as ruled the beasts upon the earth;

3:17 They that had their pastime with the fowls of the air, and they that hoarded up silver and gold, wherein men trust,

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**and made no end
of their getting?**

3:18 For they that wrought
in silver, and were so
careful, and whose works
are unsearchable,

3:19 They are vanished
and gone down to the
grave, and others are
come up in their steads.

3:20 Young men have
seen light, and dwelt
upon the earth: but the
way of knowledge have
they not known,

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3:21 Nor understood the paths thereof, nor laid hold of it: their children were far off from that way.

3:22 It hath not been heard of in Chanaan, neither hath it been seen in Theman.

3:23 The Agarenes that seek **wisdom** upon earth, the merchants of Meran and of Theman, the authors of fables, and searchers out of **understanding**; none of

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**these have known the way
of wisdom, or remember
her paths.**

**3:24 O Israel, how great is
the house of God! and
how large is the place of
his possession!**

**3:25 Great, and hath
none end; high, and
unmeasurable.**

**3:26 There were the
giants famous from the
beginning, that were of
so great stature, and
so expert in war.**

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3:27 Those did not the Lord choose, neither gave he the way of knowledge unto them: **3:28** But they were destroyed, because they had no **wisdom**, and perished through their own foolishness.

3:29 Who hath gone up into heaven, and taken her, and brought her down from the clouds?

3:30 Who hath gone over the sea, and found her, and will bring her

for pure gold?

3:31 No man knoweth
her way, nor thinketh
of her path.

3:32 But he that knoweth
all things knoweth her,
and hath found her out
with his **understanding**:
he that prepared the earth
for evermore hath filled it
with fourfooted beasts:

3:33 He that sendeth forth
light, and it goeth, calleth
it again, and it obeyeth
him with fear.

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3:34 The stars shined in their watches, and rejoiced: when he calleth them, they say, Here we be; and so with cheerfulness they shewed light unto him that made them.

3:35 This is our God, and there shall none other be accounted of in comparison of him

3:36 He hath found out all the way of knowledge, and hath given it unto Jacob

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**his servant, and to
Israel his beloved.**

3:37 Afterward did he
shew himself upon earth,
and conversed with men.

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4:1 This is the book of the commandments of God, and the law that endureth for ever: all they that keep it shall come to life; but such as leave it shall die.

4:2 Turn thee, O Jacob, and take hold of it: walk in the presence of the light thereof, that thou mayest be illuminated.

4:3 Give not thine honour to another, nor the things

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that are profitable unto thee to a strange nation.

4:4 O Israel, happy are we: for things that are pleasing to God are made known unto us.

4:5 Be of good cheer, my people, the memorial of Israel.

4:6 Ye were sold to the nations, not for *your* destruction: but because ye moved God to wrath, ye were delivered unto the enemies.

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4:7 For ye provoked him
that made you by
sacrificing unto devils,
and not to God.

4:8 Ye have forgotten the
everlasting God, that
brought you up; and ye
have grieved Jerusalem,
that nursed you.

4:9 For when she saw the
wrath of God coming
upon you, she said,
Hearken, O ye that dwell
about Sion: God hath
brought upon me

great mourning;

4:10 For I saw the
captivity of my sons
and daughters, which
the Everlasting brought
upon them.

4:11 With joy did I nourish
them; but sent them away
with weeping and
mourning.

4:12 Let no man rejoice
over me, a widow, and
forsaken of many, who
for the sins of my children
am left desolate; because

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**they departed from
the law of God.**

4:13 They knew not his
statutes, nor walked
in the ways of his
commandments, nor trod
in the paths of discipline
in his righteousness.

4:14 Let them that dwell
about Sion come, and
remember ye the captivity
of my sons and
daughters, which the
Everlasting hath
brought upon them.

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4: 15 For he hath brought a nation upon them from far, a shameless nation, and of a strange language, who neither revered old man, nor pitied child.

4: 16 These have carried away the dear beloved children of the widow, and left her that was alone desolate without daughters.

4: 17 But what can I help you?

4: 18 For he that brought

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**these plagues upon you
will deliver you from the
hands of your enemies.**

**4:19 Go your way, O my
children, go your way:
for I am left desolate.**

**4:20 I have put off the
clothing of peace, and put
upon me the sackcloth of
my prayer: I will cry unto
the Everlasting
in my days.**

**4:21 Be of good cheer, O
my children, cry unto the
Lord, and he will deliver**

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you from the power and hand of the enemies.

4:22 For my hope is in the Everlasting, that he will save you; and joy is come unto me from the Holy One, because of the mercy which shall soon come unto you from the Everlasting our Saviour.

4:23 For I sent you out with mourning and weeping: but God will give you to me again with joy and gladness for ever.

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4:24 Like as now the
neighbours of Sion have
seen your captivity: so
shall they see shortly your
salvation from our God
which shall come upon
you with great glory,
and brightness of
the Everlasting.

4:25 My children, suffer
patiently the wrath that is
come upon you from God:
for thine enemy hath
persecuted thee; but
shortly thou shalt see his

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destruction, and shalt tread upon his neck.

4:26 My delicate ones have gone rough ways, and were taken away as a flock caught of the enemies.

4:27 Be of good comfort, O my children, and cry unto God: for ye shall be remembered of him that brought these things upon you.

4:28 For as it was your mind to go astray from

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**God: so, being returned,
seek him ten times more.**

4:29 For he that hath
brought these plagues
upon you shall bring you
everlasting joy with our
salvation.

4:30 Take a good
heart, O Jerusalem:
for he that gave thee
that name will
comfort thee.

4:31 Miserable are they
that afflicted thee, and
rejoiced at thy fall.

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4:32 Miserable are the cities which thy children served: miserable is she that received thy sons.

4:33 For as she rejoiced at thy ruin, and was glad of thy fall: so shall she be grieved for her own desolation.

4:34 For I will take away the rejoicing of her great multitude, and her pride shall be turned into mourning.

4:35 For fire shall come

**upon her from the
Everlasting, long to
endure: and she shall be
inhabited of devils for a
great time.**

4:36 O Jerusalem, look
about thee toward the
East, and behold the joy
that cometh unto thee
from God.

4:37 Lo, thy sons come
whom thou sentest away:
they come gathered
together from the East to
the West, by the word of

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**the Holy One,
rejoicing in
the glory of God.**

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5:1 Put off, O Jerusalem, the garment of mourning and affliction, and put on the comeliness of the glory that cometh from God for ever.

5:2 Cast about thee a double garment of the righteousness which cometh from God, and set a diadem on thine head of the glory of the Everlasting.

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5:3 For God will shew thy brightness unto every country under heaven.

5:4 For thy name shall be called of God for ever, the peace of righteousness, and the glory of God's worship.

5:5 Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high, and look about toward the East, and behold thy children gathered from the West unto the East by the word of the Holy

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One, rejoicing in the remembrance of God.

5:6 For they departed from thee on foot, and were led away of their enemies: but God bringeth them unto thee exalted with glory, as children of the kingdom.

5:7 For God hath appointed that every high hill, and banks of long continuance, should be cast down,

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**and valleys filled up,
to make even the
ground, that Israel may
go safely in the glory
of God,**

**5:8 Moreover, even
the woods and every
sweetsmelling tree,
shall overshadow
Israel by the
commandment
of God.**

**5:9 For God shall lead
Israel with joy, in the
light of his glory,**

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**with the mercy and
righteousness that
cometh from him.**

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6:1 A copy of an epistle, which Jeremie sent unto them which were to be led captives into Babylon, by the king of the Babylonians, to certify them as it was commanded him of God.

6:2 Because of the sins which ye have committed before God, ye shall be led away captives into Babylon by

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Nabuchodonosor king of the Babylonians.

6:3 So when ye be come unto Babylon, ye shall remain there many years, and for a long season, namely, seven generations: and after that I will bring you away peaceably from thence.

6:4 Now shall ye see in Babylon gods of silver, and of gold, and of wood, borne upon shoulders, which cause the nations

to fear.

6:5 Beware therefore that ye in no **wise** be like to strangers, neither be ye afraid of them, when ye see the multitude before them and behind them, worshiping them.

6:6 But say ye in your hearts, O Lord, we must worship thee.

6:7 For mine angel is with you, and I

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**myself caring for
your souls.**

**6:8 As for their tongue,
it is polished by the
workman, and they
themselves are gilded
and laid over with silver;
yet are they but false,
and cannot speak.**

**6:9 And taking gold, as
it were for a virgin that
loveth to go gay, they
make crowns for the
heads of their gods.**

6:10 Sometimes also

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**the priests convey from
their gods gold and
silver, and bestow
it upon themselves.**

**6:11 Yea, they will give
thereof to the common
harlots, and deck them
as men with garments,
[being] gods of silver,
and gods of gold,
and wood.**

**6:12 Yet cannot these
gods save themselves
from rust and moths,
though they be covered**

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with purple raiment.

6:13 They wipe their faces because of the dust of the temple, when there is much upon them.

6:14 And he that cannot put to death one that offendeth him holdeth a scepter, as though he were a judge of the country.

6:15 He hath also in his right hand a dagger and an ax: but cannot deliver

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**himself from war
and thieves.**

6:16 Whereby they are
known not to be gods:
therefore fear them not.

6:17 For like as a vessel
that a man useth is
nothing worth when it is
broken; even so it is with
their gods: when they be
set up in the temple, their
eyes be full of dust
through the feet of them
that come in.

6:18 And as the doors are

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made sure on every side upon him that offendeth the king, as being committed to suffer death: even so the priests make fast their temples with doors, with locks, and bars, lest their gods be spoiled with robbers.

6:19 They light them candles, yea, more than for themselves, whereof they cannot see one.

6:20 They are as one of the beams of the temple,

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**yet they say their hearts
are gnawed upon by
things creeping out of the
earth; and when they eat
them and their clothes,
they feel it not.**

**6:21 Their faces are
blackened through the
smoke that cometh out of
the temple.**

**6:22 Upon their bodies
and heads sit bats,
swallows, and birds, and
the cats also.**

6:23 By this ye may know

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**that they are no gods:
therefore fear them not.**

**6:24 Notwithstanding the
gold that is about them to
make them beautiful,
except they wipe off the
rust, they will not shine:
for neither when they were
molten did they feel it.**

**6:25 The things wherein
there is no breath
are bought for a
most high price.**

**6:26 They are borne upon
shoulders, having no**

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**feet whereby they declare
unto men that they be
nothing worth.**

6:27 They also that serve
them, are ashamed: for if
they fall to the ground at
any time, they cannot rise
up again of themselves:
neither, if one set them
upright can they move of
themselves: neither, if they
be bowed down, can they
make themselves straight:
but they set gifts before
them as unto dead men.

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6:28 As for the things that are sacrificed unto them, their priests sell and abuse; in like manner their wives lay up part thereof in salt; but unto the poor and impotent they give nothing of it.

6:29 Menstruous women, and women in childbed eat their sacrifices: by these things ye may know that they are no gods: fear them not.

6:30 For how can they

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**be called gods? because
women set meat before
the gods of silver,
gold, and wood.**

**6:31 And the priests sit
in their temples, having
their clothes rent, and
their heads and beards
shaven, and nothing
upon their heads.**

**6:32 They roar and
cry before their gods,
as men do at the feast
when one is dead.**

6:33 The priests also

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**take off their garments,
and clothe their
wives and children.**

6:34 Whether it be evil
that one doeth unto them,
or good, they are not able
to recompense it: they can
neither set up a king, nor
put him down.

6:35 In like manner, they
can neither give riches nor
money: though a man
make a vow unto them,
and keep it not, they
will not require it.

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6:36 They can save no man from death, neither deliver the weak from the mighty.

6:37 They cannot restore a blind man to his sight, nor help any man in his distress.

6:38 They can shew no mercy to the widow, nor do good to the fatherless.

6:39 Their gods of wood, and which are overlaid with gold and silver, are like the stones that be hewn out of the mountain: they that

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**worship them shall be
confounded.**

6:40 How should a man
then think and say that
they are gods, when even
the Chaldeans themselves
dishonor them?

6:41 Who if they shall see
one dumb that cannot
speak, they bring him, and
entreat Bel that he may
speak, as though he were
able to **understand**.

6:42 Yet they cannot
understand this

**themselves, and
leave them: for they
have no knowledge.**

6:43 The women also
with cords about them,
sitting in the ways, burn
bran for perfume: but if
any of them, drawn by
some that passeth by,
lie with him, she
reproacheth her fellow,
that she was not thought
as worthy as herself,
nor her cord broken.

6:44 What-soever is done

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among them is false: how may it then be thought or said that they are gods?

6:45 They are made of carpenters and goldsmiths: they can be nothing else than the workmen will have them to be.

6:46 And they themselves that made them can never continue long; how should then the things that are made of them be gods?

6:47 For they left lies and

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**reproaches to them that
come after.**

6:48 For when there
cometh any war or plague
upon them, the priests
consult with themselves,
where they may be hidden
with them.

6:49 How then cannot
men perceive that they be
no gods, which can
neither save themselves
from war, nor from plague?
6:50 For seeing they be but
of wood, and overlaid with

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**silver and gold, it shall be
known hereafter that
they are false:**

**6:51 And it shall manifestly
appear to all nations and
kings that they are no
gods, but the works of
men's hands, and that
there is no work
of God in them.**

**6:52 Who then may
not know that they
are no gods?**

**6:53 For neither can they
set up a king in the land,**

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nor give rain unto men.

6:54 Neither can they judge their own cause, nor redress a wrong, being unable: for they are as crows between heaven and earth.

6:55 Whereupon when fire falleth upon the house of gods of wood, or laid over with gold or silver, their priests will flee away, and escape; but they themselves shall be burned asunder

like beams.

6:56 Moreover they cannot withstand any king or enemies: how can it then be thought or said that they be gods?

6:57 Neither are those gods of wood, and laid over with silver or gold, able to escape either from thieves or robbers.

6:58 Whose gold, and silver, and garments wherewith they are clothed, they that are

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**strong take, and go away
withal: neither are they
able to help themselves.**

**6:59 Therefore it is better
to be a king that sheweth
his power, or else a
profitable vessel in an
house, which the owner
shall have use of, than
such false gods; or to be a
door in an house to keep
such things therein, than
such false gods: or a pillar
of wood in a palace, than
such false gods.**

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6:60 For sun, moon, and stars, being bright and sent to do their offices, are obedient.

6:61 In like manner the lightning when it breaketh forth is easy to be seen; and after the same manner the wind bloweth in every country.

6:62 And when God commandeth the clouds to go over the whole world, they do as they are bidden.

6:63 And the fire sent from

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**above to consume hills
and woods doeth as it is
commanded: but these are
like unto them neither in
shew nor power.**

**6:64 Wherefore it is neither
to be supposed nor said
that they are gods, seeing,
they are able neither to
judge causes, nor to do
good unto men.**

**6:65 Knowing therefore
that they are no gods,
fear them not**

6:66 For they can neither

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curse nor bless kings:

6:67 Neither can they shew
signs in the heavens
among the heathen, nor
shine as the sun, nor give
light as the moon.

6:68 The beasts are better
than they: for they can
get under a cover
and help themselves.

6:69 It is then by no means
manifest unto us that they
are gods: therefore
fear them not.

6:70 For as a scarecrow

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**in a garden of cucumbers
keepeth nothing:
so are their gods of
wood, and laid over
with silver and gold.**

6:71 And likewise their
gods of wood, and laid
over with silver and gold,
are like to a white thorn in
an orchard, that every bird
sitteth upon; as also
to a dead body, that
is cast into the dark.

6:72 And ye shall know
them to be no gods, by the

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**bright purple that rotteth
upon them: and they
themselves afterward shall
be eaten, and shall be a
reproach in the country.**

**6:73 Better therefore is the
just man that hath none
idols: for he shall be far
from reproach.**



**END of
Baruch with the
Epistle of Jeremiah.**